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CONTEMPORARY FORMS OF SLAVERY

Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Guissé, Ms. Gwanmesia, Mr. Maxim
Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

1997/... United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on
Contemporary Forms of Slavery

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of
Minorities,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 46/122 of 17 December 1991 by
which it established the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary
Forms of Slavery to assist representatives of non-governmental organizations
to participate in the deliberations of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms
of Slavery by providing them with financial assistance and to extend through
established channels of assistance, humanitarian, legal and financial aid to
individuals whose human rights have been severely violated as a result of
contemporary forms of slavery,

Recalling also the close relationship between the mandate and activities
of the Working Group and those of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund, and
the necessary cooperation between them,

Welcoming the appointment by the Secretary-General of the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund,

Welcoming also the holding of the third session of the Board of Trustees from 17 to 19 March 1997, at which the Board recommended that the Secretary-General invite six representatives of non-governmental organizations to attend the twenty-second session of the Working Group and that he finance three projects,

Welcoming further the decision of the Secretary-General to approve these recommendations,

Concerned at the insufficiency of contributions to the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery, which prevents it from effectively fulfilling its mandate,

1. Expresses its appreciation for the participation of the representatives of non-governmental organizations financed by the United Nations Voluntary Trust Fund on Contemporary Forms of Slavery and for their valuable contribution to the work of the Working Group on Contemporary Forms of Slavery.
2. Encourages the activities of those non-governmental organizations financed by the Trust Fund;
3. Thanks the Chairman and the members of the Board of Trustees of the Fund who attended the session of the Working Group for their constructive participation in its work;
4. Expresses its support for the work of the members of the Board of Trustees, in particular their fund-raising activities;
5. Urges all Governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals to respond favourably to requests for contributions to the Trust Fund in order to enable the Fund to fulfil its mandate effectively;
6. Invites the members of the Board of Trustees of the Trust Fund in a position to do so to participate at the twenty-third session of the Working Group;
7. Decides to continue to examine the situation and the activities of the Trust Fund at its fiftieth session.
